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UNITED STATES MEAT ANIMAL RESEARCH CENTER

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The United States Meat Animal Research Center (USMARC), USDA, is located three miles west of Clay Center, Nebraska. Programs are conducted in cooperation with the Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Nebraska and with other agricultural experiment stations of land-grant universities. The Center is developing new technology for use by the meat animal industries to increase the production of high-quality, red meat per unit of production resource use. Development of land and associated resources began in 1966. When completed, the 35,000-acre Research Center will provide resources for a comprehensive research program that will involve approximately 100 scientists and 300 support personnel.

Approximately one-half of the research is devoted to beef cattle, a quarter each to swine and to sheep.



Crossbred cattle are part of a research project to identify which breed crosses gain most efficiently.



A Finn-cross ewe and her triplets cross a pasture at the U.S. Meat Animal Research Center in Clay Center, Nebraska.

Full research operations will require breeding-age female populations of approximately 7,000 cattle, 7,000 sheep, and 500 swine litters per year.

Development has included the establishment of more than 30,000 acres of cool-and warm-season pastures, 300 miles of fence and livestock water facilities for more than 200 pastures, over 5,000 acres for irrigated silage and hay production.

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experimental feedlots for cattle and sheep, and facilities for breeding herds and flocks.

Construction and development is in three phases:

- Phase I facilities provide a physical plant for intensive beef cattle and sheep investigations and for the swine research program.
- Phase II construction plans include an abattoir and meats research laboratory and livestock engineering facilities.
- Phase III will provide facilities for a comprehensive and integrated research program of producing, harvesting, handling, storing, and using forages.

RESEARCH PROGRAM

The multidiscipline research program at USMARC is organized to provide new technology for the livestock industry.

Scientists are investigating major biological, physical, and managerial factors that influence production efficiency in all segments of the production cycle for beef cattle, sheep, and swine. The program includes investigations on genetics and breeding, nutrition, reproduction, life cycle management systems, animal housing and facilities, waste management, as well as producing, harvesting, handling, storing, processing, and using feeds. New knowledge from these investigations will assist the beef cattle, sheep, and swine industries in production, economic, and technological problems.

Genetics and Breeding research relates to optimum performance capability for different feed environments and production situations for cattle, intensive management systems for sheep with emphasis on reproduction rate and the production of heavy lamb carcasses with a desirable lean-to-fat ratio, and reproduction rate, feed efficiency, carcass composition, and meat quality for swine. Genetics and breeding research is fully integrated with research in the areas of reproduction, nutrition, carcass and meats, and management systems.

Reproduction research program is to develop the technology necessary for increasing the number of animals produced per reproducing animal.

Research on reproduction includes both sexes and involves the disciplines of physiology, endocrinology, neurology, biochemistry, nutrition, and genetics.

Nutrition research develops technology that can be implemented into production programs to increase the amount of high quality, edible meat per unit of available feed resource.

Research relating to improving feed efficiency involves the integration of genetics, biochemistry, nutrition, microbiology, and physiology and the variables related to appetite, maintenance, digestion, metabolic processes, tissue deposition, and to the physical and chemical treatment of feeds.

Carcass and Meats research develops technology to reduce the amount of fat per unit of edible product while maintaining or improving palatability of the edible product. An understanding of the factors that influence palatability of meat and the proportion of edible meat in the carcass is a primary aim of this research.

Animal Waste Management is concerned with identification of the nature and magnitude of the pollution problem associated with beef cattle, sheep, and swine production.

Animal Physical Environment research determines the importance of major factors related to the physical environment and to develop procedures for improving the environment to increase red meat production efficiency. The physical environment is an important factor for increasing meat animal production efficiency.

Management Systems research focuses on identifying and quantifying major factors affecting producing efficiency and returns to capital and management to provide for optimum use of resources in different production and economic situations.

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LAND-GRANT AND CORPORATE AGRICULTURE MEETING

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Academic, federal, and corporate librarians met in St. Louis, Mo., December 8-9, 1977 to discuss and exchange ideas on "Agricultural Information and the Market Place." The meeting, sponsored jointly by the National Agricultural Library, USDA, and Ralston Purina Company, was opened by Doris B. Marshall.

Reports were presented by Dr. Richard A. Farley, Director of the National Agricultural Library (NAL) on 1) the reorganization of the Department of Agriculture and the effect on NAL and its programs, 2) the ramifications of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977, and 3) the activities on the international scene and NAL's participation in these activities, and by Connie McKenzie, Librarian, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 7, Kansas City, on assistance that might be obtained from the EPA libraries. A "Guide to EPA Libraries," July 1977, is available from Doris B. Marshall or Connie McKenzie.

Methods of information gathering by the corporate world were described by James P. Lilly, Managing Editor of the *Prairie Farmer*, Jim Wiesemeyer, Manager of the Information Center, Doane Agricultural Service, Inc., and by William W. Allen, Executive Director of Information, Illinois Farm Bureau. Stress was placed upon the role of the "information person" in helping the user, the farmer, realize his information needs and providing him this information on a timely basis.

Discussions of automated systems included the automated system for environmental mapping at the Missouri Botanical Garden; Cropcast, which provides commercial information derived from meteorological satellite data; specialized systems in use at Chemagro; specialized custom-designed files used by staff of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; and an archival retrieval system in operation at John Deere & Company.

A discussion of where automated services are leading us was monitored by John Beecher, Director, Agriculture Library, University of Illinois.

The consensus of conference attendees pointed toward increased cooperative effort from the corporate information world, the academic information world, and the information sector of the Federal Government in solving agricultural and interdisciplinary-related problems.

Tours, emphasizing use of automated systems and library services, were made in the midst of a snowstorm to the Research Laboratories and Library of Ralston Purina Company, to the Monsanto Company Information Center where William A. Wilkinson, Head, acted as host, and to the Herbarium and Library of the Missouri Botanical Garden where James R. Reed, Director, acted as host.

The worst winter storm to hit St. Louis in a decade coincided with the meeting, cutting attendance and preventing two main speakers, Dr. Charles A. Black, Executive Vice-President, Council for Agricultural Science and Technology, and Dr. Richard Baldwin, Vice-President, Cargill, Inc., from arriving in time for their presentations. Both should receive medals for efforts, however; Dr. Black left Ames, Iowa, at 4:30 a.m. December 8 with about 60 pounds of hand-out material, and after many ill adventures, did not get back home until noon, December 9, not being able to land in St. Louis until long after his scheduled talk. Dr. Baldwin finally arrived in St. Louis long after his scheduled presentation, and had to return to Minneapolis, sharing his frustrations with Dr. Black who sat right across the aisle on the plane from St. Louis to Des Moines. ☺

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The library at the center is a small "one-person" operation established to serve the resource needs of the science staff. The collection is small but growing. Use is made of the ARS Current Awareness Literature Service (CALS) at present. Some on-line searches are performed for scientists by the University of Nebraska.



FIRST INTERNATIONAL ON-LINE INFORMATION MEETING

by

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The 1st International On-Line Information Meeting, organized by *On-Line Review; the International Journal of On-Line Information Systems*, was held December 13-15, 1977, in London, England. Over three hundred persons (primarily Western Europeans) attended this conference which discussed the state-of-the-art and future trends in on-line information retrieval. This form of technology has been available to Europeans only in very recent years and some of their problems are unique to their situation.

The keynote speaker was Martha E. Williams, University of Illinois, who spoke on the current state of the "Information Age." She highlighted factors such as technological developments, availability of funds for research, and progress in information science research, that will determine its future.

Members of the European Economic Community (EEC) are anxiously awaiting the arrival and operation of the European on-line information network (EURONET) now set for the end of 1978. Nearly all major on-line services in the EEC will participate in the network. Initial access points or remote access facilities will be located in Frankfort, London, Paris, Rome, Amsterdam, Brussels, Copenhagen, Dublin, and Luxembourg. It is expected that over 80 bibliographic data bases and some 30 fact data banks will be offered by these services. An annual growth rate of 50%-60% in on-line searching in Europe is anticipated. EURONET traffic aims are based on their securing 50%-60% of this volume. Presently 50%-70% of the on-line connect hours go to U.S. based services (Lockheed Information Systems and SDC Search Service). One major complaint of Western Europeans is the high telecommunications costs they have to pay when using U.S. based services. These costs are determined by the Post Office authority in many European countries. Consequently, U.S. companies will have tough competition in the Western European Market.

Marie-Christine Mallen of France presented an interesting paper on on-line operators' behavior and opinions. Based on a task analysis survey of professional operators, the efficiency of terminal users is dependent on man-machine interaction psychological factors. When moved from manual searching to a machine, the operator suddenly is dependent on his skills in using the terminal rather than on his manual searching for information. All operators felt that preparation is important but many had trouble dialoging on-line. This difficulty is mainly due to the high speed of the dialog in which the operators must read, analyze, decide, and act. An additional hindrance to many Europeans is the lack of manual typewriting and visual skills. (In many Western European Countries typewriting is far less widespread a custom than in the U.S. - especially within the postgraduate social strata.) Pressure to perform in a short time due to high costs places an additional burden on the operator. The author made suggestions for training materials and programs. She also recommended that system designers improve man-machine interface displays.

In addition to prepared papers on various aspects of on-line information retrieval, the Conference included several sessions on data base updates. Among them was a paper entitled "On-line Access to Human Nutrition Information" given by Robyn C. Frank, National Agricultural Library, featuring

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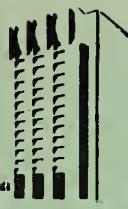
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The contributed papers for this Meeting have been published and are available from Learned Information, 200 West 57th St., Suite 1210, New York, N.Y. 10019.

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